

Project at Tarapur in Maharashtra could not be commenced so far due to financial constraints, though administrative sanction for the Project was accorded in January, 1991. Pending commencement of work on the project, environmental and other clearances have been secured, site infrastructure development has been completed and major equipments for the project have already been procured.

(c) Site excavation work of TAPP-3 & 4 is expected to commence in the last quarter of 1997-98.

(d) The original time schedule for the construction of the project envisaged completion in 105 months from the date of project financial sanction. The cost overrun in the base cost of the project is Rs. 2413.5 crore, which is mainly on account of inflation.

[Translation]

Contegious Diseases

3419. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the States from where the reports of the outbreak of contegious diseases have been received;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the spread of these diseases;

(c) whether there is any provision for extending any help to the victims of such diseases; and

(d) if so, the amount being provided to the victims as well as affected States under this provision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) The National Institute of Communicable Diseases have investigated disease outbreaks from the States of Karnataka, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Lakshadweep during 1997 (upto July).

(b) National Disease Programmes on Malaria, Kala-azar, Tuberculosis, Leprosy etc. are in operation for control of infectious diseases.

In addition following measures have been taken :

- (i) Guidelines have been prepared and distributed for the prevention and the control of outbreak prone diseases such as dengue fever and cholera.
- (ii) Assistance is provided to State Governments as and when requested for in the form of investigation of out-breaks.
- (iii) Training is provided to State/District level health officers on prevention and control of communicable diseases.
- (iv) A National Apical Advisory Committee (NAAC) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to

formulate a nation wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence.

(c) and (d) There is no scheme for providing financial assistance to victims of such diseases.

[English]

Space-Technology

3420. SHRIMATI BHAVNABEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation proposes to enter into bilateral agreements with other countries for the development and application of Space Technology for peaceful purposes;

(b) if so, the names of such countries; and

(c) the countries with whom such agreements are existing at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Indian Space Research Organisation has a policy of co-operation with other Space agencies in the area of peaceful uses of Outer Space. Agreements for co-operation with specific countries are taken up for consideration as and when there is mutual interest.

(c) Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding have been signed with Australia, Canada, China, the European Space Agency, France, Germany, Hungary, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Syria, the United Kingdom and Ukraine.

Encroachment on DDA Land

3421. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the encroachments made on DDA land close to various religious places in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether due to these encroachments many through fares have been disrupted; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that no specific survey has been conducted in this regard. However, the detection and removal of various types of encroachments on DDA lands, including those close to various religious places, is a continuous process. As and when such encroachments are noticed, these are removed for clearing the disruptions in thoroughf areas.

World Bank Loan for Control of AIDS

3422. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether India took some loan in 1992 from the World Bank to combat AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the said loan has so far been spent for the purpose for which it was obtained and the achievements made in combating AIDS;

(d) whether a fresh loan is being sought from the World Bank to carry on programme of combating AIDS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A scheme for Prevention and Control of AIDS in India was launched in September, 1992 with a World Bank credit of US Dollar 84 million. The following are the components of the programme :

(a) Strengthening the management capacity for HIV control;

(b) Promoting awareness and Community support;

(c) Improving the Blood Safety and its rational use;

(d) Building surveillance and Clinical Management capacity; and

(e) Controlling Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The credit is disbursed on submission of reimbursement claims to World Bank through Controller of Aid Accounts and Audit and as of 31st March, 1997, an amount of US Dollar 52.59 million has been received by Government of India.

The AIDS Control Programme has made significant progress in the country and State AIDS Cells have been established in all the States and Union Territories for implementing the National AIDS Control Project; 815 Blood Bank being modernised; 504 STD Clinics strengthened; Surveillance activities with the help of 62 Surveillance Centres and 55 Sentinel Sites are being monitored; National and State Blood Transfusion Councils have been established; awareness programme

has been launched with the help of Doordarshan, Radio and mass campaigns and all the States/UTs are participating in the implementation of the approved scheme.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The second HIV AIDS Control Project for the Ninth Five Year Plan period is under preparation and is expected to be finalised shortly.

Expansion of Central Homoeopathic Research Centre

3423. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of Central Homoeopathic Research Centres, Sachivothamapuram Kurichy, Kottayam, Kerala and under the consideration of the Union Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and fully funded by the Central Government, have a proposal for construction of a new building for the Central Research Institute (Homoeopathy) at Kottayam on land allotted by the Government of Kerala at an estimated Cost of Rs. 5 crores. The implementation of the proposal is however subject to and availability of adequate funds and other clearances.

Ukraine Tanks to Pakistan

3424. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D. CHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Ukraine has begun delivery of its order of 320 and T-80 main battle tanks to Pakistan;

(b) whether Russian Government has refused export permits for Russian components of the tank to Ukraine so that Pakistan order may not be completed;

(c) whether Government of India has taken up this issue with the Russian Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In response to approaches made by the Government of India, and on their own initiative, the Russian authorities have given high level assurances of Russia's non-cooperation with Ukraine as regards fulfilling of the Ukrainian-Pakistan T-80 UD tank deal. This commitment has been adhered to by the Russian side.